

that the Senate amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I am extraordinarily pleased that I found the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY).

Mr. Leader, I would appreciate and I know all Members would: We were here late last night. We have been working hard. I know the conference committee has been working very hard.

If the gentleman would bring us up to date for what he sees as the balance of the day and the balance of the week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me, and I also appreciate being found.

As the gentleman and Members know, a very important conference committee is meeting on the war supplemental. Very intensive discussions are going on. We anticipate, hopefully anticipate that the conference can be wrapped up later on this evening, but there is absolutely no way that we can assure the Members that we can vote on that bill today. We will have no more votes this afternoon, and anticipate coming back to consider the war supplemental tomorrow at noon.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, it is my understanding there has not been an agreement yet, but if there were an agreement and, from our perspective, if the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and our conferees believe that the conference report was something that they could sign off on, it is my understanding that it is possible, if there were agreement, that we would not have to have a vote tomorrow on that piece of legislation; is that correct?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman would continue to yield, it would be beneficial to all Members if we could come to some agreement on the bill. I know that the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) have worked very, very hard to protect the interests of the House and this institution, and they are remaining firm. And we should congratulate the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) for the work they have done.

If it works to the satisfaction of those two Members and this body, it

would be very preferable to work out some sort of agreement that we could voice the vote; but I must warn Members that it does not guarantee that there will not be a vote.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, I would reiterate and share the view of the majority leader, but at this point in time, we do not know and cannot guarantee Members that there will not be a vote tomorrow.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, let me simply say that I think it is fair to say that there have been virtually no political differences between either side of the aisle on this side of the Capitol; and I think it is fair to say that the House conferees are virtually unanimous in their view about what has to happen in order for us to get out of here.

I do not know yet whether we are going to get the full cooperation that we are going to need from the other side of the Capitol, but it is certainly our intent on both sides that we come out of here as one. It would be very good for the House if we had a bill that had 100 percent support. We could go home with a feeling of unity, and I know that both sides are going to try to accomplish that.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, I want to echo the comments of the majority leader. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) have worked diligently not only on the substance of what is in the supplemental, but also in upholding the position of the House as it relates to the balance of power between the executive department and the legislative department as set forth in the Constitution of the United States.

As a matter of fact, when we started our consideration of the supplemental, the first thing the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) did was to read article I and appropriate provisions of the Constitution. I think all of us in this body can be appreciative of the fact that the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) have taken the position that I think is appropriate for our institution, as well as for our country, and I share the majority leader's view.

We appreciate their efforts.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. I appreciate and agree with the gentleman's remarks. I want to tell Members that, as they know, at this point in time in the session it is very difficult to communicate with Members, so I urge Members to stay in touch with their offices because we will be giving all Members updates on an hourly to 2-hour basis as to what is going on with the conference com-

mittee and what the future may hold for another session tomorrow.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, am I correct it would be our hope collectively, both sides of the aisle, to be able to give definitive information to the Members at least by 5 p.m. as to what they might expect for tomorrow?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I would hope we can give it sooner than that. In talking to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), we should have some sort of sense as to what direction the conference will be going in the next hour or two.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, in the event there is a vote tomorrow, would I be correct in assuming we would give to Members a minimum of an hour's notice and no vote will be held before noon tomorrow? Is that your thought at this point in time?

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Mr. DELAY. Of course. And we would like to give them even more notice than that, but at least an hour before we would actually ring the bells and go back into session would we give Members notice.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure what I am being told, but the gentleman indicated that he may give us, and may be contemplating, more notice than 1 hour. I am not sure what that has to do with the committee, but in any event Members will have a minimum of 1 hour's notice before they would be called back to vote on any legislation tomorrow?

Mr. DELAY. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that. Let me ask the gentleman another question that I was asked by another Member. Am I correct that the only votes, if we have votes tomorrow, would be on the supplemental?

Mr. DELAY. Correct. The only votes we would have, if required, would be on the rules leading up to the supplemental and on the supplemental.

Mr. HOYER. So there may be two votes tomorrow if they were required?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman would yield, it could be three. A same-day rule, a rule for the conference report, and the conference report.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, in other words, Members should understand that, although we are saying there may be votes tomorrow or there may not be, but there may be multiple votes tomorrow; so it would be more than one vote required. I thank the gentleman.

WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. MYRICK (during consideration of H. Res. 187), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report